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VIA ECF

The Honorable William H. Pauley III  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, Room 1920  
New York, New York 10007

Re: *U.S. v. Romero et al.*, No. 1:19-cr-734 (WHP)

Dear Judge Pauley:

We represent Cristian Guerrero-Melgares, a defendant in the above-captioned matter. We write to request an adjournment of the sentencing hearing that is currently scheduled for April 1, 2021.

We have retained a mitigation expert in connection with sentencing and additional time is needed to obtain necessary records and documents, many of which are located in El Salvador, and to complete an evaluation of Mr. Guerrero-Melgares.

In light of the above, we respectfully request that the Court adjourn Mr. Guerrero-Melgares's sentencing hearing to any date after May 3, 2021. This is our first request for an adjournment. The Government consents to this request.

Application granted. Sentencing adjourned to  
May 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

SO ORDERED:

  
WILLIAM H. PAULEY III  
U.S.D.J.

March 11, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

  
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